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Highway work causes short-term negative impact for businesses

by Jerry Grozelle

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Peter Rigby said that although the summer of 2001 has been good to most businesses in Haliburton County, some have endured a reduction in business because of the highway construction in Minden.

The Chamber manager said he has heard from various businesses, with some showing an increase in business in spite of the construction, while others are suffering because of it.

"The road work made it inconvenient [for people traveling along Highway 35 to find the entrances to businesses] and the heavy equipment has a tendency to be intimidating," Rigby said. Some of the clothing stores, restaurants and gift shops seem to have suffered a decrease in business. Overall, Rigby said busi-

ness in the area seems to be up from previous years. "We've been seeing increased visitations at the welcome centre," he said, "which is an indication that business is up."

Rigby noted that the two gas bars on Highway 35 saw a decline in business when work was being done along the highway in front of them. But, when the construction was in front of one gas bar, business increased at the other one. The tradeoff may have offset some of the losses.

Rigby said the construction will be a benefit in the long run. "There are some businesses hurting now," he said. "But, they're telling me 'if I can't make it through now, how's it going to help me later,'" Rigby said. "The proof will be to see if they are still in business for the next tourist season."

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Moore's Lake fuel oil spill is quickly contained

by Jerry Grozelle

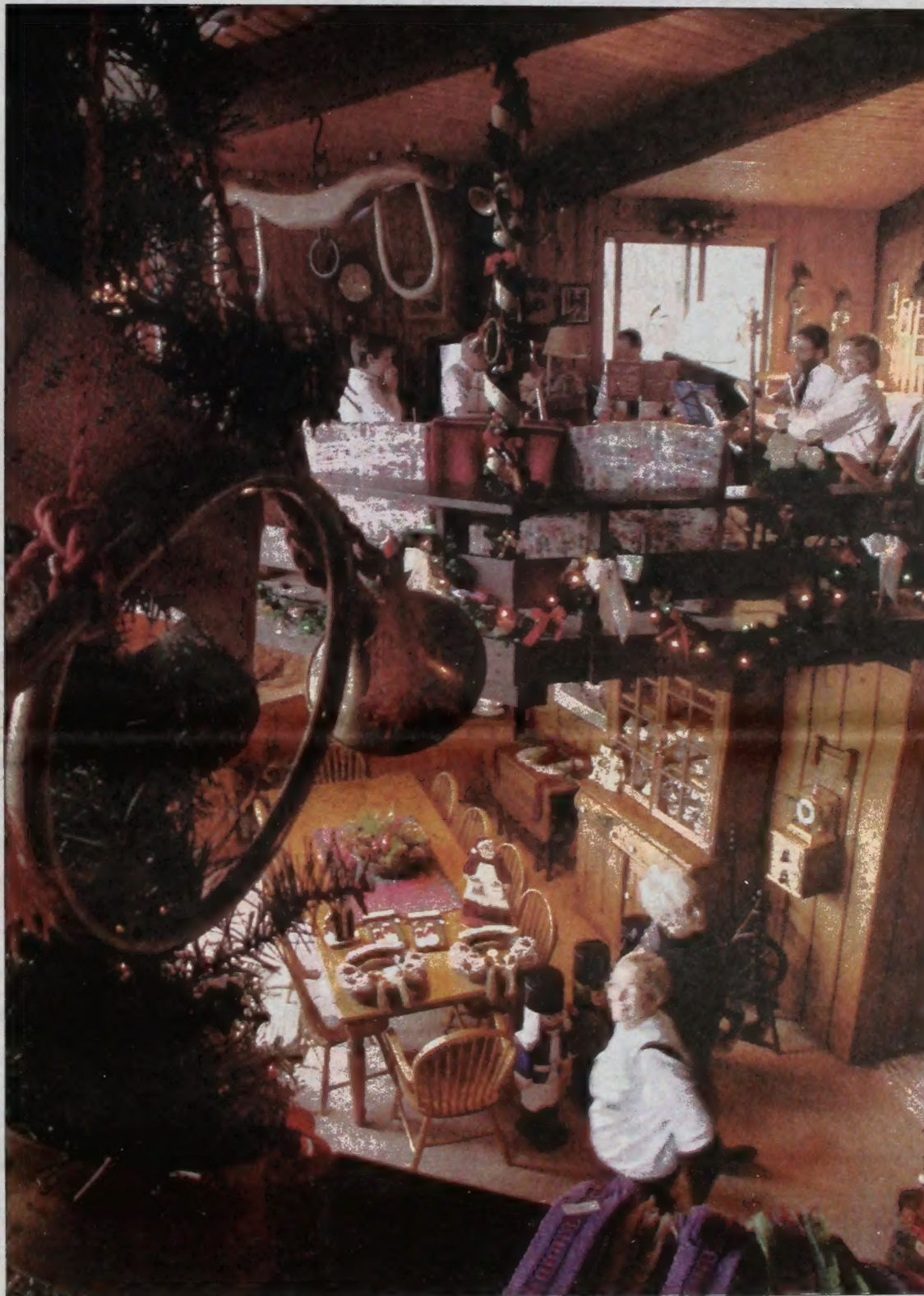
A fuel oil spill seeped into Moore's Lake Wednesday, November 28.

Initial reports are that a local fuel oil company was filling the oil tank at a storage building owned by Paul Pilon at Moore's Falls when the tank overflowed and a quantity of oil made its way to the lake through a drain. The

amount of oil that actually made it to the lake is unknown.

Minden Hills public works superintendent Clayton Cameron said he was notified through the Ministry of Environment Spills Action Centre at about 11:30 a.m. He said a local resident smelled oil and alerted the centre. "The process to get it cleaned up was

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DARREN LUM/Echo

DECK THE HALLS

While the Highlands Brass Quintet entertains, participants in the weekend's Bed and Breakfast Christmas Tour marvel at Don and Jessie Pflug's deft decorating touch at Stouffer Mill B & B near Halls Lake. With a dozen B&Bs to tour in the Highlands, while raising money for local charities, it was the perfect way to get in the Christmas spirit.

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"Quite a bit" of oil is recovered from accident

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initiated immediately," Cameron said.

Only a small area had to be cordoned off to contain the oil. Cameron said filter pads were used to soak up the oil and deposit it in containers. "By early that afternoon [Wednesday] there was no more oil coming out," Cameron said. "If you went down there now, I doubt you'd know it ever happened."

Brian Black, owner of Sid Stamp Fuels, is assisting with the clean-up. It was one of his workers who was doing a routinely scheduled refill of the tank when the spill occurred. Black said that just a small area of the lake is affected and that it has been contained.

"Quite a bit of the oil has been recovered," Black said. "The MOE spill action team is assessing the situation."

Black added that the MOE still has to determine exactly how the oil got to the lake. "You can't fix it until you find it," he said. "As far as I know, they [MOE officials] are happy with the way it was contained."

MOE senior environmental officer Eugene Raymo attended the site to assess the damage. *The Times* was unable to reach Raymo for comment.



JERRY GROZELLE

LIGHTING UP THE TOWN:

An enthusiastic crowd gathered for the official lighting of the lights in downtown Minden on November 23. Anne Neave, centre right, was the official thrower of the switch. Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, right, congratulated the volunteers who worked so hard to decorate Minden's downtown.

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Dear Santa:

Minden Post Office elf helps make sure children's mail gets to the North Pole

by Allison Taylor

Blake and Jaydon Wood know exactly what they want for Christmas.

"Shark park toys," said four-year-old Blake, as his three-year-old brother eagerly nodded his head in agreement.

The boys are starting to get pumped about Santa Claus' anticipated visit to Minden in a few weeks' time.

Dressed in their winter jackets and battling the wind and cold after school last week, the brothers made a special trek to the Minden Post Office, each lugging a white envelope addressed to the North Pole.

Making their way into the office, their eyes naturally fell upon a bright red post office box, decorated with an image of Santa Claus — almost a beacon for kids, like Rudolph's nose on Christmas Eve. The box is also an extra special size so kids can reach the slot and mail their letters personally, without assistance from Mom or Dad.

Both Blake and Jaydon's eyes glimmered with excitement as they stood dumbfounded in front of the post box.

"Santa gets the letter," Blake said, just before he gingerly dropped his letter in the slot, checking through the hole to make sure it landed safely.

Jaydon had a different approach.

In a matter of minutes he followed his older brother's lead. Jaydon eagerly dropped his letter in the slot just under the Santa display, and then spent several minutes staring at the big red box, almost contemplating a way to get his letter back.

But that isn't the plan.

The next person who will read Jaydon's letter will likely be the big man himself, Santa Claus.

Through a special program organized by Canada Post, boys and girls across the country like Blake and Jaydon can make sure Santa knows exactly what they want for Christmas.

As the snowflakes fluttered onto rooftops in Minden and freezing rain hit the pavement, local kids like the Woods are also beginning to develop visions of Santa Claus squeezing his way into their chimneys.

So they are grabbing a colourful crayon and getting down to business.

Each and every letter addressed to Santa

Claus will make inroads to the North Pole, says Minden Post Master (and personal friend of Santa himself) Dorian Malloy.

For the last several years Malloy has arranged special deliveries to the North Pole to make sure Santa is updated on what's happening with children in Minden. Malloy and Santa's friendship goes back several years.

It's a very secretive process and Malloy couldn't go into great detail, but because of his close connection with Santa Claus he was able to explain a little about the program.

Each Post Office in Canada has a special designated elf, on assignment from the North Pole.

"I can't tell you who the elf is," Malloy



ALLISON TAYLOR/TIMES



Brothers Jaydon, above, and Blake Wood mail their Christmas wish list to Santa in a special Santa mailbox just for kids at the Minden Post Office. Parents are reminded to include a return address so Santa can write back!

**Santa's address:
Santa Claus
North Pole
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said, "but they talk to Santa almost every day."

After children from Minden mail their letters, Santa's elf organizes the letters and contacts another elf in the North Pole.

From this team of elves, Santa gets to read the letters.

Sometimes the children will write their wish list and other times they just wish Santa a safe journey on Christmas eve, said the post office elf situated in Minden.

Every night Santa and Mrs. Claus sit down in front of the fire with a cup of hot cocoa and they read each and every letter. Then the elf writes a reply to each child on

behalf of Santa. Santa's a little busy to write every child in the world personally, and through the Minden elf, every boy and girl in Minden will get a reply.

Already there have been a few letters trickling into the Minden Post office, Malloy said. But as the snow starts to fall and as the holidays get closer, those letters start to multiply.

"Santa gets very busy in December, so it's important to give him a little time to keep up with all the writing he has to do," Malloy said.

Last year, Santa received around 150 letters, just from kids in Minden, Malloy said.

But before the big man in red can devour the cookies and milk on December 24, Santa and his elves want to make sure he gets a letter from each child in Minden.

Malloy wanted to remind all the Minden boys and girls to make sure they put their return address on their letter, so Santa and his elf can write a reply acknowledging he read their individual letter.

The program also helps promote literacy for children, by encouraging the kids to express themselves on paper.

Once construction is over, stores hope for a return to business as usual in Minden

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There is a mechanism by which businesses that have suffered an adverse impact as a result of construction can apply for compensation. The applications must be sent to the Ministry of Transportation office in Huntsville. Rigby can provide details of how to file a claim. He said he obtained the information through MPP Chris Hodgson's office.

Fred Chappel, owner of The Corner Store at the corner of Highway 35 and County Road 121, said his business, overall, didn't suffer because of the construction. Some of his regular customers were unable to get through the various barriers, but many of the construction workers patronized his store. It remains to be seen if the regulars will return once the construction is complete.

Chappel said he couldn't understand why the pavement was put down and ripped up so many times.

Chappel's wife Joan said there were times when the store had to be closed because the water was shut off.

Mike Raback of Highlands Supply, an automobile, industrial, marine and snowmobile parts retailer, said the construction didn't seem to affect his business.

"I've had the best summer ever. The economy is good," Raback said. "I've got four access points, so the construction didn't really stop people from getting in."

Photo Solutions owner Lori Roberts said her business has been affected by the highway construction. "It was especially bad in June, when the construction was right outside the door," she said. She added that during the time when it was difficult to get to her place of business because of the construction, some regular customers went elsewhere to buy their photographic supplies and have their processing done. "Some have not returned," she said.

She also pointed out that delays of 20 minutes getting through the construction weren't uncommon and were detrimental to businesses along the highway.

Dave Dollo of Dollo's IGA said his business slowed on days when the construction crews were working in front of the store. But he also had one of the best days ever at the store this past summer, which indicates to him that the economy is strong.

"I can't complain too much, if they ever get it completed," Dollo said.

Russ and Sharon Paul operate Rusty's Auto Service at Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Road. Sharon Paul termed the construction "a pain." The front entrance to the business was blocked off at times. "The first part of the summer it was terrible," she said. "We definitely lost business."

She said the confusion about what lane to use and how traffic was supposed to find its way through the barriers to access the businesses was the worst. But, she was quick to point out that the workers were as helpful as they could be. In spite of the best efforts of the flaggers and construction workers, it was "utter confusion."

For six weeks straight there was something blocking our driveway every day," Russ added. "I wouldn't want to go through it again, but now that it's done, I think it will pay for itself."

Teri Gardner owns and operates Jasper's Grill on Highway 35 beside Westside Jug City. She will be glad to see the end of heavy equipment, dump trucks and pylons directing traffic in a confusing array of lanes on the new highway. Construction in front of the restaurant has had a negative impact on her business and she is anxious to get back to the customer traffic levels she enjoyed before the construction began.

During months when business at the restaurant should have been at its peak, Gardner found herself wondering whether or not she could justify paying staff to keep the business open.

"When they were working out front, we might as well not even be open," she said.

Lunch time traffic at the restaurant has always been good at Jaspers — that is, until the construction started. Clientele dwindled to the point that it was only viable to open the restaurant for the evening meal through the week, serving lunches only from Friday to Sunday.

She, along with all of the other businesses contacted, agrees that when the highway construction is finished, it will be a good thing for Minden in general.

Gardner is hopeful that her former clientele will return now that the construction is all but completed. Even though



Normally, the dining room at Jasper's Grill would be bustling, but during construction, customers had a hard time finding their way in through the maze of pylons.

she suffered through a summer that didn't provide the business she had anticipated, Gardner is determined to put the worst behind her and look forward to better times ahead.

She has, through advice from the Chamber of Commerce, filed a claim to the MTO for some compensation for lost business over the past several months. She said the fact that the highway became "an obstacle course" at times during the construction left motorists focused on getting through the maze and putting the construction behind them. Many who would have stopped at Jaspers for a meal were diverted to other eateries where they weren't forced to navigate through a confusing maze of pylons.

Although the construction will have a long-term benefit, Gardner said, "People don't realize the impact the construction has had."



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Minden Hills council notes

by Jerry Grozelle

Not enough resources

A request from the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association for a current list of properties on Gull Lake would be an onerous task the municipality doesn't have the human resources to accommodate. Minden Hills CAO Tammy McKelvey said it's not a matter of cost. "Even if you got \$100 an hour for the staff time, we still don't have the staff resources," she said.

Councillor Oyler, who is also the president of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization, noted that LKO is one of three property owners' associations in the area that doesn't release that type of information to the public. The reasoning is that property owners don't want their information going to commercial enterprises for the purpose of soliciting business. Assessment roll information is public domain, and the municipal staff will assist, as much as possible, anyone who goes to the municipal office to research the information from the public records.

Acting CAO appointed

A special meeting of Minden Hills council was held November 29 to appoint an acting CAO and to appoint the municipality's auditor.

With current CAO Tammy McKelvey taking over similar duties at Dysart et al at the end of the year, Mary Jane Irwin will assume those responsibilities until a permanent CAO is appointed.

The accounting firm of Humpage Taylor has been designated as the Minden Hills auditor. Gary Thurston had been the municipality's auditor for many years, but his other business commitments prevented him from continuing in that capacity.



Best floats

Float winners from the 2001 Santa Claus Parade, held on November 24 gathered for a photo. Two judges, one from the Lions Club and one from the Kinsmen Club, chose this year's winners. Commercial Division - First, Haliburton County Snowmobile Association; second, Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfast; third, Highlands Trails and Tours. Community Group - First, Brownies; second, Legion 636 Ladies Auxiliary; third, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

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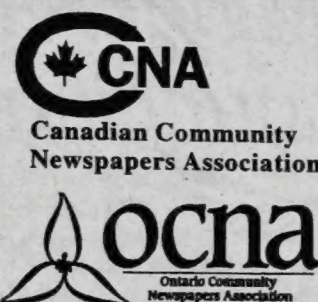
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Sacrifices in the name of progress?

Editorial Letters

There's a lot to be said for progress. Without progress, we would be saddled with stagnation and it's doubtful anybody would advocate that state of affairs.

The goal of progress is to revitalize and stimulate the economy; to improve our communities and make life a little better in the process.

How could that possibly have a negative side?

In some cases, to reverse an old adage, for every silver lining, there's a dark cloud. To illustrate that point we need look no further than the improvements to Highway 35 at Minden. It is a progressive step, to be sure. It will offer a safer stretch of highway for the increasing amount of traffic which passes by our fair community. The new stop lights, if they live up to expectations, will give travelers pause to contemplate what lies beyond the highway corridor and, perhaps, take a detour through the Village of Minden, stopping to browse in some of the downtown stores in the process. The lights will also give those leaving the village the opportunity to do so on a busy summer Friday or Sunday evening without having to wait several minutes for a lull in the traffic.

So, where's the dark cloud, you ask?

Consider the businesses along the Highway 35 corridor in Minden. Depending on where they are located, what type of product or service they provide and many other factors, some of these businesses have suffered losses that may take several months to recover.

Those among us who may take a more callous view might say "no pain, no gain." But, is it fair for a few along the highway to bear the pain for the good of all the businesses in Minden? Short term pain for long term gain is only applicable for those who survive to enjoy the gain.

That's not to say that any businesses along the highway are in jeopardy. We don't know. But we certainly hope they are all vibrant and resilient enough to rebound from any losses they have suffered as a result of the construction, which at times, choked off traffic to their places of businesses.

A mechanism does exist for businesses to apply for compensation for losses that can be attributed directly to the construction. Those claims may be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation in Huntsville and the Haliburton Highlands

Chamber of Commerce can provide the necessary information. But, we all know how fast claims are processed through upper tier government agencies. We hope the powers that be within the MTO will recognize and acknowledge the loss of revenue and provide some compensation to those businesses which have suffered the most during the past year or more.

In the meantime, we can all do our part to assist these businesses. If you patronized businesses along the Highway 35 corridor in Minden in the past, but have avoided them because you didn't want to endure the hassles of weaving through the pylons or waiting while the heavy equipment operators worked their magic, maybe it's time to return, now that the construction is nearly complete.

The business owners in our community are also our neighbours and our friends. That's what distinguishes us from the big cities, where, in most cases, people don't know the families who live on the same block as they do. Maybe, with the return of the familiar faces to these businesses, we can help to ensure there are no casualties in the name of progress.

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Councillor is proud of Minden Fire Department

To the Editor:

I read with interest the letter to the editor in the Times issue of November 26, entitled "We should take pride in firefighters" from S. Gilbert. Given Ms. Gilbert's comments, I feel it necessary to respond.

First and foremost, I am indeed proud of the Minden Hills volunteer fire department and the services it provides to the residents of Minden Hills. I have had the necessity to call on our department on only one occasion. The three-man crew which responded to my call were quick to respond, courteous and thorough in their inspection and investigation of our home to determine

the location, if any, of a source of carbon monoxide.

With respect, I fail to see how questioning the number of personnel responding to a call suggests even remotely a lack of pride in our department.

It is only through questioning staff including our chief and his deputy and other members of council assigned as liaison to the fire department, that one gains the insight and knowledge as to its operation. This equally applies to other departments within the municipality as a whole.

By gaining pertinent information, one is able to better understand how current departments function and how we, as elected representatives, con-

tinue to support current operations or how we might bring to the table greater efficiencies in the running of Minden Hills for the overall benefit of its taxpayers.

In summary, I recognize the time, effort and dedicated commitment of our fire department and take pride in its staff. It is also my responsibility as one member of council, however, to ensure that we continue to have an efficient, well-organized, responsive and fiscally responsible department for the people of Minden Hills.

Sincerely yours,

Peter E. Oyler, Councillor Ward One
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Hello Dolly

When I was a kid the gender lines were pretty clear. Essentially, boys fried ants with magnifying glasses and girls played with dolls. Of course, every now and then boys would play with dolls too, provided that they were of the flammable variety. Aside from that, unless the doll had a twist-off head that was roughly the size of a softball, boys were absolutely uninterested.

Judging from my son's taste in toys, I'm not so sure that things have changed all that much. Even now, boys detest dolls. Unless they are alone, in which case they'll have a great time.

On the other hand, men seem to openly collect them these days. At least that's the hope of Playboy Enterprises Inc., those same fine people that have brought us 50 years of fine photo-supplemented literature.

The company announced, in a stunning pictorial-press release shot on a white sand beach in Fiji, that it is about to enter the doll business with a line of "anatomically correct" Barbie-sized figures that will retail for \$49.95 US each. They are, ahem, collectibles aimed at the burgeoning adult male doll collectors market.

Yes, the price tag seems a bit steep but you have to remember that the cost of air brushing and peroxide has gone through the roof. And let's not even talk about those tiny custom-made silicone implants. Then there's the skin tight designer clothing that the dolls are supposed to wear when they're not sunbathing nude by the trout stream or thinking up new and inspiring turn-ons. None of these things come cheap you know.

To those of you who aren't yet in the habit of collecting 16-inch anatomically correct replicas of real life Playmates, featuring "super-smooth skin", this might seem weird.



BEYOND 35 BY STEVE GALEA

But, as one who is quite familiar with weird, I assure you it's not. It's a hobby like any other and, if you ask me, it seems a whole lot more exciting than the model trains I was raised on. When I was younger, given the choice between a new cattle car or Miss November, I'm pretty sure I know where I would have spent the money.

I imagine, in no time, there will be Playboy Doll Clubs for men. The serious "hobbyists" will meet once a month in Vegas to play and trade dolls over a beer or two. They'll then discuss the various turn-ons and perhaps trade and model a few new skimpy outfits as well. Then, maybe after that, talk will turn to the dolls. Could there be anything more wholesome?

Oh sure, some feminist groups will say that this does nothing but objectify women. But that'd only be true if these dolls were merely play things for men. But, fortunately, that's not the case. As we all know, they're collectibles and there's nothing exploitive about that. It says so on the box. Right beside the cute little centrefold.

And what about the benefits? This can be only be a good thing for father-daughter relationships. Finally, dad and his little girl will have something in common, although she might ask embarrassing questions like, "Daddy why does mommy call your doll a little tramp?" or "Tell me again why she has a staple in her belly button?"

Of course, something this momentous is not without historic consequence. Ken, immediately announced his separation with long time partner Barbie, citing irreconcilable differences. He was last seen wearing a dapper yachting outfit and heading west towards the Playboy Doll House Mansion in his little corvette. GI Joe will also air-drop in — once he's finished his tour of duty in Afghanistan, that is.

It's all in the jeans

Chance is a wonderful thing. Suppose, for instance, Morris Strauss, a bearded and nearly broke immigrant from Bavaria had not been walking down that street in San Francisco back in 1850. Suppose he hadn't run into a crusty old gold miner who asked him what he'd brought with him from back east.

"A few yards of canvas" Strauss replied. The miner scoffed and pointed to his own ripped and shredded trousers. "You'da been better off in you'd brought a few pairs of hard-wearin' pants."

Pants, eh? thought Strauss. He took some of his canvas to a tailor and paid him to make a pair of pants out of it. Then he took the pants back and sold them to the miner.

The miner was ecstatic. Finally, a pair of pants that could stand up to the rigors of hard rock mining. He became a walking billboard for Strauss' sartorial ingenuity. Pretty soon, other miners came looking for durable trousers. Mister Strauss had found his personal gold mine, but he needed a name for his popular product.

He decided to use his middle name: Levi. And he made a couple of changes. First he switched from canvas to a softer but still durable French textile that came from the



A Highlands sunset

Photo by Len Pizzey/Times

French town of de Nimes and was finished in Genoa, Italy. Then he died it dark blue because it hid dirt and stains better. He also introduced three new words to the English language: levis, denim (from the French serge de Nimes) and jeans, a corruption of Genoese.

It's been a long and winding century and a half for Levis since then. For most of that time, Levis were pants for the working stiff — cowboys, miners, farmers. Then, a transforma-

tion. "Jeans" suddenly became chic. Everybody from Bob Dylan to Princess Anne was photographed in jeans.

Today jeans are a clothing phenomenon — they're class unconscious. They're worn by blue collar workers and university professors; by cowboys and bank tellers.

The makers of Levis have evolved too. Customers of LVC (that's Levi's Vintage

See **Arthur** page 10

Disagreement with gun registration editorial

To the Editor:

Your editorial tirade against the Federal Government and the rifle and shotgun registration program does a great disservice to the many responsible hunters and gun collectors. A more rational and objective presentation of the consequences of new laws might develop better understanding amongst non gun owners who are after all about 90 per cent of the population.

Was it logical to reach all the way to Australia to find a dubious statistic

about the relationship between gun laws and the murder rate? How could you ignore, except deliberately mountains of evidence to be found right next door in United States? An absence of meaningful gun laws coupled with broadly based weapons possession among the public has produced for them a horrendous murder rate.

Your inflammatory assertion that our government is being careless with the lives of Canadians does not deserve comment. But it does suggest you are

probably on the mailing list of the National Rifle Association in the US since they are well known for similar public statements, equally rash.

We live next to a nation that does not share our concern about guns and there is a porous border between us. There are more than two hundred million hand-guns privately owned just to the south plus thousands of rapid-fire assault weapons. All of these weapons are available for sale to anyone includ-

ing criminals at weekend gun shows held throughout the United States.

The National Rifle Association boasts that "Guns do not kill people — people kill people." They are a powerful, well financed political force in the States and will happily export their philosophy and guns up into Canada.

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South Lake

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Insightful editorial

To the Editor:

To the new ownership and staff of the Times:

Congratulations on your investment "in the future" of the Highlands with the new Times.

I realize these ventures are a great leap of faith and hope, for all.

The new format is certainly zippy and progressive.

I want to comment on the insightful editorial on November 13, "What would make you feel safe?" I have been active in the C-68 trenches since 1994 and am probably the only "fully grandfathered" PAL holder in Canada. In fact my case preceded the establishment of the alternate certification programs in British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Ontario. (MB and QC grandfather all

Hunter Ed graduates into PALs.)

Of course, the other jurisdictions remain in contravention of FAs 7(4)(a) which requires that alternate certification be made available. FA Regs s. 17 is not what Rock promised but there is a ready solution via the Mount Sinai Hospital v. Quebec (Minister of Health) decision related to governments being required to keep their promises.

It's interesting to note that many of the same groups who supported C-68, or said nothing in the defense of those affected and marginalized by it, are now reacting to somewhat similar Charter infringements under C-36, the omnibus terrorism Bill.

Best regards, all.

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Councillor Wessell's \$10,000 figure to water flowers is excessive

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to "Minden Hills Council Notes: Money Well Spent?" (November 26.)

Mr. Ingram Wessell is quoted as saying that he considers the spending of \$10,000 dollars on watering flowers is 'bad business'. It should be pointed out that Mr. Wessell has inflated this figure from the one tentatively presented by the Parks and Recreation Department, and indeed that figure is the cost for a full-time summer student. Only half of the student's time would be spent watering; the other half would be used to provide much needed help to the Parks Department elsewhere.

It should also be noted that if we were to tally the 500 volunteer hours given by Horticultural members to the Community Gardens Project, at the student rate of \$8.00 per-hour, we are contributing \$4,000 towards the improvement of Minden. From our way of thinking, that time (and its monetary value) has been well spent. Minden Hills' contribution to this business-enhancing effort, of approximately \$4,500 for watering, does not seem excessive.

Margaret Smith
Minden and District
Horticultural Society.

Headline overly dramatic

To the Editor:

I wish to comment on your newspaper's report of my presentation at the "Information and Wellness Day" which was organized by our local Government Information Centre. As it was Drug Awareness Week, one topic was "Consider the Mix with Prescription Drugs." While the writer reported what I said quite accurately in the article, the headline "Your vitamin pill could kill you" was overly dramatic and misleading. The intent of the presentation was to encourage people to use their med-

ications safely and effectively, and to consider the possibility of interactions between prescription drugs and medications purchased over the counter. Products such as those used to treat cough and cold, pain relievers, antacids, herbal products, alcohol and vitamins and minerals, all have the potential to interact with your prescribed medicines. If you have any questions about your medication or possible interactions, do not hesitate to ask your pharmacist.

Yours truly,
Janet Heffer



PICNIC FIT FOR A BEAR: Grade 1 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School brought their best pals to school last week to nibble on sandwiches and munch on homemade cookies. Three classes of students met in the foyer of the school around noon, with teddy bears in tow, to enjoy their brown bag picnic lunch with their furry friends.

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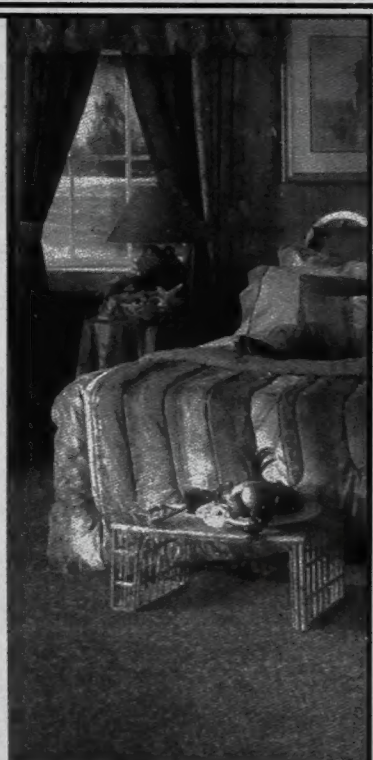
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Auxiliary OPP

Cloning Dick Schell would be a good way to boost the ranks

by Allison Taylor

He might not bring home the big bucks, but Dick Schell couldn't be having more fun.

In his spare time each month, Schell is an auxiliary Sergeant with the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

He looks like OPP, he acts like OPP and he is even considered "one of the gang" at the OPP office located in Minden.

Most people don't know that Schell is actually a volunteer.

The Minden resident, who is also a social worker for the City of Kawartha Lakes, has been working with the OPP auxiliary for over 34 years — for free. Not only was he recently honoured for his three and a half decades of volunteer work, but his gratuitous service has plastered a permanent smile on his face.

"I just like to help the community out," he said from the OPP office on Highway 35 last week.

His work within the area is so indispensable right now there just isn't enough of Schell to go around the county.

In fact, the only thing that would make the unpaid auxiliary Sergeant seem more distinguished to the regular force is if he could be cloned.

"I just can't free up enough time to keep up with the demand," said Schell, who spends at least 25 hours a week on anything from administrative duties to helping with traffic accidents on the scene.

ALLISON TAYLOR/TIMES



Staff Sergeant Bob Walli (left) and Auxiliary Sergeant Dick Schell stand outside the OPP office on Highway 35. The pair are trying to promote the auxiliary force in Minden and convince potential recruits to apply for the program.

Since cloning isn't going to happen any time soon, the Haliburton Highlands OPP is on the prowl to find Schell a partner in crime (prevention), or at least a few other friendly faces to help him combat crime in and around the area.

"We want to promote public interest in the auxiliary," said Community Services Officer, Const. Laura Ostler. "We are seeking other volunteers."

While the auxiliary program has hundreds of members in 30 units across Ontario, Schell is the lone member in the Highlands.

While the job does have a lot of positive features, neither Schell nor Ostler are sugar-coating the work.

"If you haven't got the time, don't even apply," Schell

said. "The work is demanding."

Auxiliary officers are required to spend a minimum of 20 hours a month on patrol with OPP officers and another four hours in service training. They must be able to work in a structured environment while maintaining the high standards of the policing profession, work with the community and work as a volunteer.

"The people you deal with are not always the best citizens in the world," Schell said. "You also see some bad accidents and some deaths."

But it's like being a real OPP officer, Schell said. The

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Minden drivers enjoy low gas prices at the pumps

By Allison Taylor

Gas retailers in Minden are reaping the rewards of having some of the lowest gasoline prices in the Highlands.

"We are probably selling more litres of gas this year compared to last year," said Greg Carpenter, manager of Cango on Highway 35.

He couldn't give exact numbers for the entire year, but Carpenter said he has noticed an increase in the volume of gasoline sold over the past year.

"The more I sell, the better it is for me," Carpenter said.

Just north of Cango on Highway 35, another gas retailer in Minden is singing a similar song.

At Ultramar, assistant manager Carl Hamilton also admits to having a slight increase in business because of lower prices. "It's a deal that people can't drive by."

Hamilton also hasn't reviewed an actual statistical comparison over the past year's sales and he doesn't think his business has increased from last month, but he knows customers are happy with the prices.

They are pleasantly surprised at how much more gas they can get for their dollar, he said.

Minden has generally had some of the lowest prices of gasoline in the county, figures that are competitive with surrounding towns, like Norland and Carnarvon. Last week's prices in Minden were around 53.9 for most of the week, while gas retailers in Haliburton were considerably higher.

When it comes to price wars and competition, the only thing Ultramar and Cango are concentrating on is each other.

"I think we're all pretty well matched up," Hamilton said. Both stations generally keep their prices at the same level.

Their main competitors for gas prices come from Kinmount, Carnarvon and Norland. Gas retailers in Haliburton aren't even given a second thought.

"The stations in Haliburton are not responding to us in terms of prices," Hamilton said. "As far as we are concerned in Minden, Haliburton isn't competition."

Most of the traffic for the two stations comes from Toronto and from our regular local customers, Carpenter said.

"They have to stop here before they can go further north," he said. "We don't worry about Haliburton."

Location also plays a role in setting the gas prices, Hamilton said.

It doesn't matter what company has a contract with the local gas station owners, Hamilton said. "Haliburton's prices will always be higher because they are in a different zone," he said.

The reason why Haliburton has higher prices is because they are located in a farther zone than Minden, and they get charged more for their deliveries, he said.

Ultramar is a locally owned gas station. "We have a contract with Ultramar to supply us with gas," Hamilton said.

Over at Cango, Carpenter manages the station and Cango owns it.

While Hamilton isn't sure if customers are driving the 24 kilometres from Haliburton to fill up their tanks in Minden, he certainly isn't trying to hurt the business of the retailers

in Haliburton.

"I don't want to see anybody lose out in terms of competition," Hamilton said. "It's not our desire to steal or take customers away from Haliburton, but when you respond to your own competition you think more of where you are with them."

Volunteering to help community has its own rewards: Schell

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experience is also very rewarding. "Working for a uniformed police officer gives you pride and it also feels good doing a favour for the community," he said.

For the most part, auxiliary volunteers get right in the trenches. From community policing, search and rescue, crime and accident scenes to parades and overseeing information booths, Schell is ready for action every day. The only difference is the bars on his shoulder that distinguish him as a member of the auxiliary.

The auxiliary members are expected to meet the same requirements as the regular force and they also receive the same training.

While the auxiliary OPP don't carry firearms, they are trained in using them, trained in personal safety and they are required to undergo a series of psychological and aptitude testing.

It's also a good way to get your foot in the door, Ostler said. "Essentially it's a stepping stone to join the regular force."

The auxiliary arm of the OPP is an essential link to the public, said Staff Sergeant Bob Walli.

The auxiliary members usually have solid contacts with the community and they are "a big help," he said.

For more information on joining the OPP auxiliary stop in at the OPP office or Sgt. Dick Schell at 286-1647 after 6.

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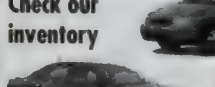
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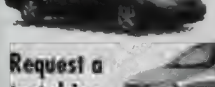
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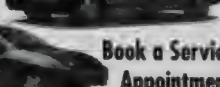
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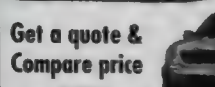
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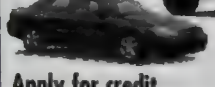
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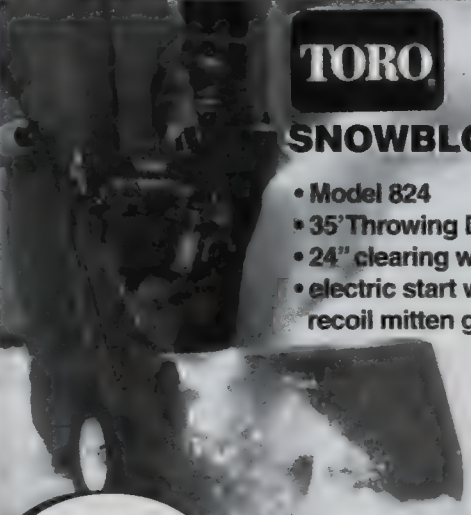


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Decision to spend \$46,000 must be made by December 19

County's back against the wall with groundwater study

by Martha Perkins

County council has less than three weeks to decide if it wants to spend \$46,000 to join a regional groundwater study.

While councillors balked at being pressured to make such a commitment, they also feared that if they didn't, they could be forced to undertake the study any way at a much higher cost.

Right now, the Ministry of Environment is willing to pay 85% of the cost of a groundwater study for the Trent watershed. That study is expected to cost \$1.4-million; the remaining \$210,000 cost would be shared amongst municipalities (or counties) with lands within the watershed.

Haliburton County contains the Trent's headwaters. Based on the number of well heads and the geographic region for aquifers, its share would be \$45,512. Council has until December 19 to take the Ministry up on its offer.

At last Wednesday's county council meeting, county CAO Gary King said there may be dire financial consequences if the county doesn't sign on.

The Ministry is dangling the 85% funding as a carrot. If the county doesn't bite, the Ministry could resort to using a stick — forcing the county to do the study on its own a year from now without any provincial funding assistance.

"This is a shotgun approach," Warden Murray Fearrey said.

That may be so, King said, but by signing on under 85% funding, "we'd be getting \$300,000 worth of research on our groundwater resources."

King also noted that "this is one of the outcomes of Walkerton. The province is not prepared to have the finger pointed at them again or face liability" should something go wrong with groundwater supply.

"We're just starting to get the roll out of things we'll have to do in the wake of Walkerton," he said.

Councillors had several concerns.

One was the threat of what costs may follow should the study reveal any problems. By committing \$45,000 now, the county may be faced with much greater costs later as possible contamination sources are identified. These sites

would have to be protected in the county's new Official Plan.

However, King noted that since the county is part of the Canadian Shield, it does not face the same risks to its water supply. Areas to the south, where there is more concentrated agricultural and residential use, are more prone to problems than the Highlands.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who supported the county's involvement in the project, said "if we're going to be forced to do this at a later date, and there's still fall out, then at least now we'll get the funding. It doesn't matter when it's done, there will still be a fear of what has to be complied with."

Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman, who also supported the proposed study, said it's costing his municipality \$20,000 to test the well head in Wilberforce and the county has the chance to have all five well heads tested for slightly more than twice the cost.

"We'll all have to get these tests so why not do it all," he asked.

"I don't object to doing the right thing, I object to being under the gun," said Dysart et al Deputy-revee Bill Davis, who was one of the most vocal opponents to the process.

"There is a lot more hidden costs," Davis said. "There's something that's not being told here (by the Ministry) and if I had to make a decision today, I would not support it," he said. "There's not enough information from the Ministry of Environment."

"I've seen other things the government has forced on us with partners... (and) I'm not too sure I like our partners."

(The study would be spearheaded by the Trent Conservation Coalition which includes the four Conservation Authorities within the watershed and 32 municipalities.)

"We may be conned into fixing something outside our boundaries," Davis said.

Minden Hills Ross Rigney also expressed anger with the process.

"I'm worried this isn't the total cost," he said, adding he wasn't prepared to vote on the matter that day. "I just want to make sure we know what it's costing us and I'm not sure

that we do."

He says he's also tired of the province saying "you've got to do this or you've got to do that."

The groundwater study announcement was made in August but there was no apparent urgency until King met with Dr. Rob Salter of the Otonabee Conservation Area last Tuesday. Dr. Salter intimated that there were fears the province would impose the study on errant jurisdictions at a later date.

On the day of the county meeting, there was a meeting of the various potential partners in Peterborough. Because King was unable to attend, Stephen Foster represented Haliburton County. Foster is on the county's environmental advisory committee and spearheaded the recent headwaters symposium at the Frost Centre. He is also the county's 9-1-1 co-ordinator.

Rigney questioned why Foster would be going to Peterborough when earlier in the meeting, Foster had talked about how busy the 9-1-1 department was.

Rigney was "not impressed" that Foster was spending the afternoon in Peterborough discussing the groundwater study.

King quickly defended Foster. He said the county's contract with Foster is for 30 hours a week yet Foster is often spending 45 hours a week on the project. "He's not being paid any more money than the 30 hours a week in the contract."

As to attending the Peterborough meeting, "he's undertaking this because he's interested and I can't be in two places at once."

With his environmental background, King says Foster is knowledgeable about the issues being discussed.

County council agreed to wait until it heard Foster's report on the meeting at its December 12 meeting to make a decision. Dr. Salter will also be asked to attend the county council meeting.

Warden Fearrey indicated "it probably makes sense" to spend the money now on the joint initiative. Councillors seemed to favour the county paying the \$46,000 rather than splitting it between the four municipalities.

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The hollies of Christmas

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In ancient Rome, the mid-winter feast of Saturnalia was held to honour the gods of sowing and husbandry. To mark the occasion, socially conscious Romans sent their friends holly to convey esteem and good wishes. Early North Americans also recognized something special about holly. Southern tribes of Indians valued holly as a badge of courage and an omen of success in battle, and warriors often drank holly tea to ensure strength and courage.

The familiar Christmas holly with its prickly leaves and bright red berries could either be English holly or an evergreen species native to the American south, where conservationists were often concerned about the annual destruction of wild plants in December. Most Christmas holly is now grown commercially, with hundreds of acres under cultivation on Vancouver Island.

Ontario has its own wild hollies, but our two species are much less conspicuous. Both mountain holly and winterberry holly and black alder are widespread

See **Scarlet berries** page 15

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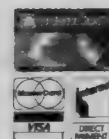
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Scarlet berries hug the branches

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across the southern and central parts of the province. Both occur as tall shrubs, usually mixed with the dense vegetation of swamps of bogs. Mountain holly especially likes the cool shade of cedar and tamarack bogs, and often roots itself along the edges of sphagnum clumps.

In the flowering months of May and June, when wetlands seem to spill over with blossoms of all shapes and colours, the small whitish flowers of the holly don't attract much attention. But when the chill winds of November leave only a forest of gray twigs, the

holly's scarlet berries, draped to the tips of the slenderest branches, brighten many a wintry scene.

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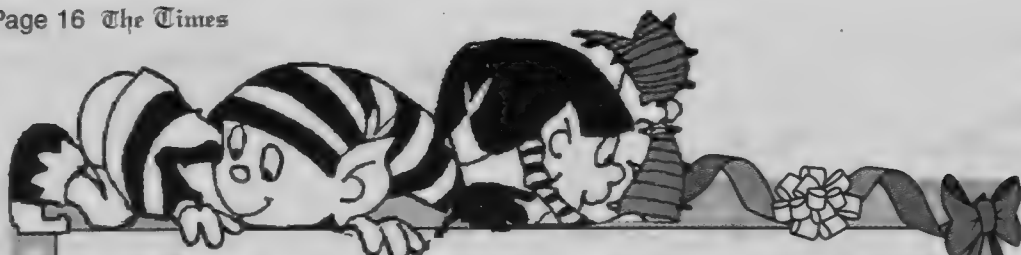
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by LILIAN HARRISON

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One other Christmas, I remember my Dad went to Ireland and came back with the most beautiful Irish doll I had ever seen. Her name was Kathleen. She had a china face and had on a green dress and bonnet. I thought she was something! I can still see her!

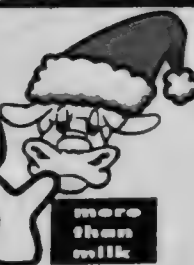
I might have been 6 years old. I swear I saw Santa Claus in his sleigh with all the goodies and gifts and his reindeer. It was a full moon and I saw him going across the sky. "To this day I know I saw him, I did!" My mother told me I had a good imagination, but I know what I saw!



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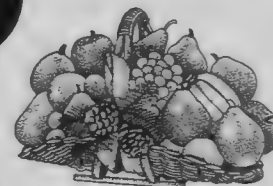


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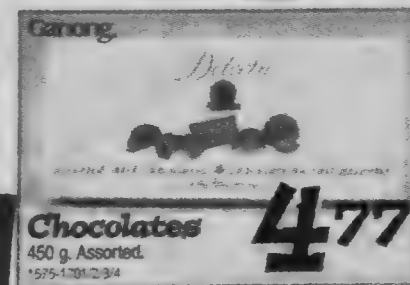


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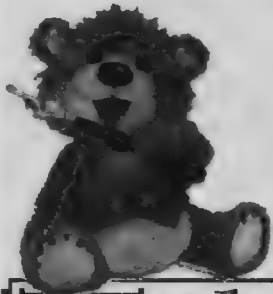
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- Pinch dried rosemary leaves
- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 4 medium ripe Ontario Greenhouse Tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 cup (250 mL) sliced Ontario Mushrooms
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried basil leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried oregano leaves
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) black pepper
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) grated Parmesan cheese

Crust:

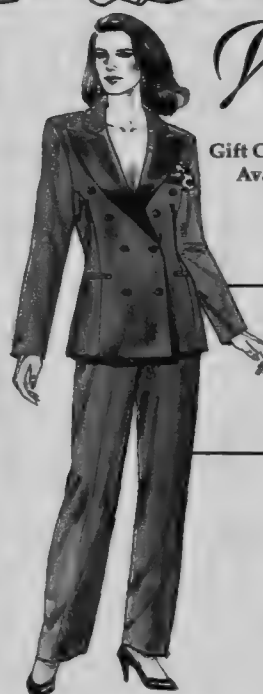
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) cornmeal
 - 1-3/4 cups (425 mL) all-purpose flour
 - 1 tbsp (15 mL) baking powder
 - 1 tsp (5 mL) salt
 - 1/3 cup (75 mL) cold shortening
 - 3/4 cup (175 mL) milk
- Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Prepare 15 x 10 inch (40x25 cm) baking pan by sprinkling with 2 tsp. (10 mL) cornmeal.

See **Vegetarian** page 19

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Vegetarian recipe ideas for the holidays

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In small glass microveable bowl, pour oil over onion and garlic. Microwave, uncovered at High for 1 minute, or until softened. Stir in rosemary, set aside.

Alternatively, heat oil in saucepan over medium-high heat and cook onions and garlic until softened, about 5 minutes.

Crust:

In bowl, combine remaining cornmeal, flour, baking powder and salt. With pastry blender or two knives, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk all at once, stirring with a fork to make a soft, slightly sticky dough. Turn out onto lightly floured surface; knead 10 times. roll out to a rectangle to fit pan. Pat into pan.

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese over crust. Arrange tomatoes, mushrooms and onion mixture on cheese.

Sprinkle with basil, oregano, pepper and Parmesan cheese.

Bake in bottom third of preheated 425°F (220°C) oven for 20 minutes or until cheese is bubbly and crust is browned. Slide off pan onto cooling rack. Let cool for 5 minutes. Transfer to cutting board, cut into 24 equal squares with sharp knife.

Make-ahead tip: Bake and cut into squares when completely cool. Place squares back in pan, cover and refrigerate overnight. Before serving, remove cover and reheat in 350°F (180°C) oven just until warmed, about 5 minutes.

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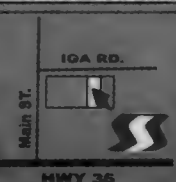
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Moose, elk, deer and bear invade the Frost

By Steve Galea

THEY'RE ELUSIVE AND WILD. Their eyes hold a gaze that looks right through you and a close encounter with one can be an act of supreme skill or simple good fortune. Either way they will leave fresh tracks, a faster heartbeat and an indelible memory.

They are Haliburton's big four, the whitetail deer, moose, black bear, and elk. And, it seems, they are real crowd pleasers too.

The Leslie M. Frost Centre's Stewardship workshop entitled "Wildlife at Large: The Big Four" on November 23rd entertained and educated about 40 participants who decided that learning about these great animals would be a fine way to spend a Friday.

And while that seems like a lot of people to attend a weekday seminar in late November, the numbers were really no surprise. The Stewardship Series offers excellent advice for anyone planning habitat work on private lands. In this case how to attract or deter the big game animals that frequent our area.

The all-star cast didn't stop at the animals though. Five experienced speakers regaled the crowd with first hand knowledge about animal behaviour, biology, and importance to the ecosystem and community.

Mike Michell, a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) technician well schooled in dealing with black bear, began the proceedings with his presentation entitled "Living with the Black Bear."

The MNR conservatively estimates there are 100,000 black bear in Ontario with the highest densities in the Chapleau Game Preserve and our very own Algonquin Park with approximately 60 animals per 100 sq. km..

Michell says that living in proximity to these animals in the field and around the home or cottage is largely a matter of common sense and good judgment.

When it comes to nuisance bears, Michell says the key was not attracting them in the first place. He laid out a few handy rules to follow if visited by bears:

- Place garbage in bear proof containers or secure sheds.

Remove it to the dump as soon as possible. Neighbourhood garbage disposal pools help eliminate garbage frequently.

- Never place meat, fish or fruit in composts.
- Rinse containers before placing in recycle bins.
- Add lime to gray water.
- Do not feed wildlife. This includes hummingbird and bird seed stations, two main attractants for bears.
- Keep pet food inside.
- Clean all barbecue grills.
- Store all petroleum based products; bears are fond of them.
- Pick fallen fruit around trees and ripe fruit as soon as possible.

For campers and hikers worried about bear encounters, he advised setting up tents away from flowing water as it made human approach hard for a bear to hear and visa versa once in the campsite. These places are almost always animal travel corridors, and advised taking precautions to incinerate or

eliminate waste, hang food, avoid eating foods with strong odours, and be aware of bear hot spots such as new clear cuts, berry patches, and burns. When traveling in the bush Michell suggested making noise and trying not to walk into the wind.

Many bear myths were dispelled. Bear weight, for example, is commonly overestimated. The average Ontario mature boar weighs between 250 and 350 pounds with sows weighing half as much. And although people should never forget that all bears are potentially dangerous and unpredictable he noted that, "Since the recording of bear fatalities there has been only one for every 357 people killed by lightning. Generally, they want nothing to do with us."

Males are generally bigger with larger necks, bigger forearms and fuller faces. Sows mate every two years once they have reached sexual maturity.

See **White-tailed** page 22



The day ended with a short walk on a trail where concepts taught in the classroom were reinforced. Mike Walsh, at left, and Jan McDonnell, above, lead participants on the field trip through Frost Centre trails in search of suitable habitat and signs from one of the big four.

White-tailed deer arrived with Highlands' first settlers

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Michell shed some light on subject of hibernation saying that den excavation begins in early October although actual occupation might come much later depending on seasonal conditions. Impregnated sows den up first to save vital energy.

Next John O'Donnell and Barry Wannamaker, Co-Chairs of the Elk Restoration Project - York River Chapter, told participants about the steady progress of Ontario's elk reintroduction initiative. With more than 500 of these majestic animals introduced in the province up to this year and a moratorium on elk releases until Chronic Wasting Disease risk assessments are complete, (a disease found in a few western ungulates but never in the elk of Elk Island National Park in Alberta where our elk are imported from) both men spoke of what they learned about elk from their experiences during reintroduction and radio tracking our local herd.

They reported that elk have dispersed generally within 50 miles of the release site with some passing through or settling in the Haliburton area. Others have been sighted as far south as Highway 401 near Belleville. O'Donnell said they have developed migration corridors that are regularly traveled and said that many animals favour hydro corridors because of the ease of travel and vegetation for these grazers. Wannamaker said

elk reproduction in the introduced herds has been "very good."

Though five were killed during hunting seasons, Wannamaker credited the hunting community in being forthright in admitting their mistakes.

When asked why elk were reintroduced, Wannamaker answered, "because they were here at one time and are native to our province."

Conversely, whitetail deer, practically a symbol of Haliburton were not common in the area until settlement and clearing of the land, said MNR Biologist Jan McDonnell.

"Deer are a creature of disturbed forests. Old growth is no good to them. They are mostly browsers who eat the current annual growth of twigs when available. They want their food in proximity to their cover."

Deer yards, McDonnell said, offer the shelter of conifers with a mix of browse and deer use traditional ones that their mother brought them to. "Temperatures in these yards are generally 1 to 2 degrees higher than surrounding areas because of wind break and snow being kept off the ground by the trees." During winter it's not uncommon for deer to lose up to a quarter of their body weight.

McDonnell suggested ways in which property owners could provide habitat for deer. Food plots on south facing slopes near cedar or hemlock bushes, the planting of

beech and oak trees, and not disturbing deer yarding areas are just a few ways to keep or attract deer to an area.

She also said that deer feeding programs should only be carried out in emergency situations. Excessive snow depth and weak crusts are key considerations. In winter she advised breaking trails with snowshoes or snowmobiles to help deer escape predators. "Make the loops or a deer might find itself at a dead end with a predator in close pursuit."

Dr. Ed Addison educated us on the largest member of the deer family, the misunderstood moose.

He reminds us that moose are an international animal found in most countries that rim the Arctic Circle. Its name comes from the Algonquin Indian name meaning "twig eater" or "he who eats bark from trees". White colonists turned it into the word moose. These stately deer first migrated to North America between 10,000 to 70,000 years ago. And they have been adapting ever since.

Addison, being a doctor and researcher, is nothing if not logical. So he leads us to understand moose by advising us that "everything is energy driven. All action is related to energy use and intake."

He then goes on to explain that moose are a creature of cold climates. "Healthy adult moose don't shiver until -35 Celsius but when temperatures reach 15 Celsius they use up great stores of energy to keep cool. This has grave consequences in light of

global warming. We're at the southern limit of their range now." Wetlands and bogs help.

He outlines the moose life cycle, again relating everything to the logic of energy intake and output. He tells us that early spring, just when the buds are about to burst, is as close as a moose will get to heaven. From calving time in mid-May to when the first leaves turn colour, he says that a calf will gain one kilogram a day. And that's just one of many fascinating facts.

We are fascinated by tales of the bull's incredible capacity to grow antlers. (Did you know researchers study moose antler cells in an effort to understand how cancerous cells grow?) Yes, antlers are sometimes used for fighting. But more often the mere comparison between rival bulls will settle the issue. Again, this saves energy as fighting is costly.

He tells us of winter ticks, clinging parasites the size of a grain of pepper, who wait on vegetation with hooked appendages hoping for a moose or anything else to pass by in the fall. But the time they are engorged with the animal's blood they are the size of a dime. Thousands can infest a single moose and cause the animal to rub off their much needed winter coat and succumb to hypothermia.

He says an average mature bull will reach between 400 and 500 kg and remarked that Haliburton moose tend to be large.

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Times Sports



Atom A Storm wins A Division championship

by Patti Tal Iman

On the road again... The Cango Gas Bar Atom A team was at it again for some more of that great entertainment. The team started its stint with a fun-filled tournament in Warkworth, playing three games of hockey.

Saturday, November 17 brought the team 2 games of pass it around, toss them around and share a few goals. The Highland players won the first game 7-0 and the second game was pretty much the same treatment, winning 8-0.

Then came game three against Warkworth. This game was match-em up, mark-em up and keep your heads up guys 'cause this one's for you, coach! They stuck together, shot after shot against the awesome goalie for Warkworth, playing very defensive, passing it around and setting it up, allowing only a few shots on Kyle Steele and Nathan Woodcock.

Then, finally in the third period, Matt Eno scored a beauty goal, assisted by Steven Miscio and Jessie Stoughton. The final score was 1-0 and they can call themselves the "A Champs."

It was a great shut-out day for those fast moving goalies Nathan Woodcock and Kyle Steele.

Sunday, November 18 the Highland Storm players met another competitor to show off that excellent training they are getting at those action packed practices.

They met Millbrook for the first time this year and it proved to be yet another game of great entertainment.

The contest started out pretty evenly matched, each team scoring a goal early in the game. But the Storm broke and away they went. They played a strong game, with crisp passing, solid hits and defensive plays throughout. The final score was 8-2 for the Storm.

Last weekend in Haliburton, the Atom A Storm hosted a fantastic tournament. After winning their nail-biting game Friday night against Huntsville 6-4, they came out on the bottom end of a 4-2 score against Port Carling. This put the Storm into the B division championship. Keswick didn't know what hit them as the Storm skated to a 6-2 win. It was a great way to end the tournament.



Red Hawks can't find their wings in game against Peterborough's Lions

In Wednesday afternoon's game at the Dysart arena, an Adam Scott Lions comes between two HHSS Red Hawks in a quest for the puck, above. When #19 Brad Gauley, at left, got a hold of the puck, he banged it into the Lions' net. alas, it wasn't enough for the Red Hawks, who came out on the bottom end of a 7-4 score. Head coach RON Yake notes many key players were away on a school trip and he's confident the team will rebound for the next match.

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COUNTY BOWLING CENTRE LEAGUE

November 26

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 191; Elli Langpohl 167.

High single: Pat Scadden 225; Vina Dredge 208.

High single (with handicap): Pat Scadden 287; Vina Dredge 270.

High triple: Pat Scadden 553; Elli Langpohl 582.

High triple (with handicap): Pat Scadden 739; Elli Langpohl 726.

Mixed Match Play November 26

High average: Cathy Snell 231; Scott Moore 244

High single: Cathy Snell 351; Walter Stegmaier 281

High single (handicap): Teresa Clement 347; Walter Stegmaier 291

High triple: Cathy Snell 833; Gord McAllister 684

High triple (handicap): Teresa Clement 804; John Tompos 828

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League November 22

High average: Addie Dykstra 197; Mona Benn 188

High single: Addie Dykstra 243; Mona Benn 236

High single (handicap): Bill Stead 275; Julie Clarke 286

High triple: Addie Dykstra 648; Mona Benn 582

High triple (handicap): Gerald Clarke 773; Julie Clarke 707

CARNARVON BOWLING LEAGUE SCORES

Tuesday afternoon league November 27

High average: Ken Thompson 217; Mona Benn 182

High single: Ken Thompson 298; Lillian Mattsson 303

High single (handicap): Ken Thompson 306; Lillian Mattsson 353

High triple: Ken Thompson 720; Mona Benn 663

High triple (handicap): Ken Thompson 744; Mona Benn 765

Wednesday afternoon league November 28

High average: Ken Thompson 218; Marie Thompson 189

High single: Ken Thompson 298; Mona Benn 217

High single (handicap): Avar Edwards 262; Betty Trapp 253

High triple: Ken Thompson 708; Mona Benn 604

High triple (handicap): Bev Hunt 729; Mona Benn 703.

Thursday afternoon league November 29

High average: Ken Thompson, 250; Josie Cheesman, 183

High single: Ken Thompson, 250; Shirley Webb, 219

High single (handicap): Ross Henderson, 269; Moe Allen, 271

High triple: Ken Thompson, 750; Josie Cheesman, 549

High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson, 693; Moe Allen, 723

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Shuffleboard Results November 27

High scores:

Beverley Alexander and Iris Freeman, 370

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George Hamilton and Helen Skelding, 333

Low score: Alf Allen and Ellen Holden, 154

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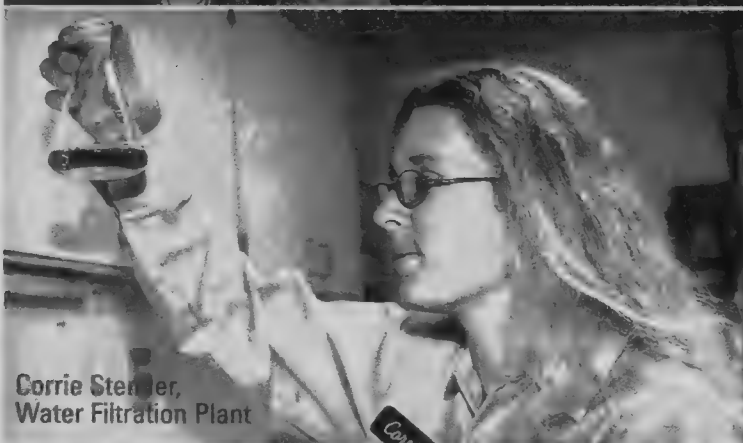


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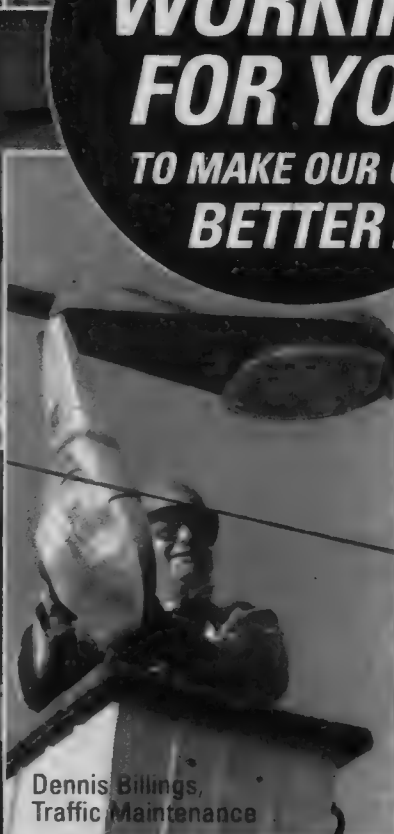
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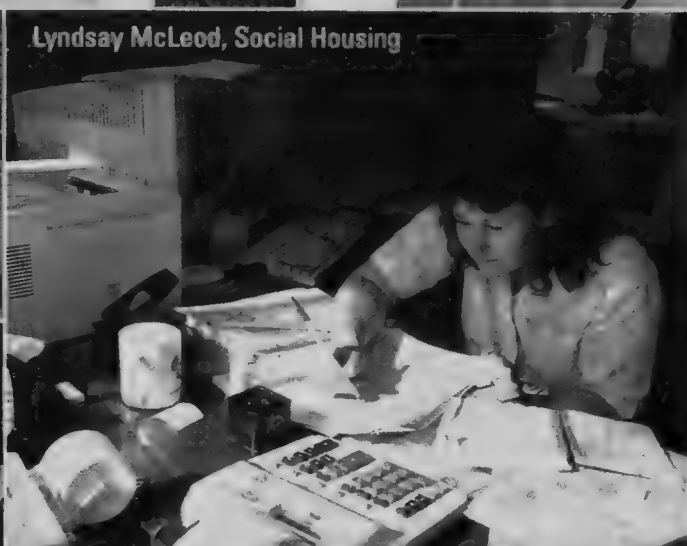
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A strike deadline has been set for Dec. 16.

The city has not responded to most of our concerns.

Council is taking a big risk. We want to avoid a strike, but we are prepared to go out if we cannot achieve fairness. Fairness means equal working conditions for everyone and a modest wage increase. It's not a lot to ask.

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 Low man: Chris Clarke
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St. Paul's Friendship Club
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 Lone hands: Bill Van Dyke and Lorna Nicks
 High man: Bill Mosley
 High lady: Georgina Decks
 Low man: Betty Sharpe
 Low lady: Jeanne Keliele
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Pilgrims will walk for their water next year in the Highlands

by Allison Taylor

World Youth Day will spread its wings a little further into the heart of the Highlands this coming summer, as pilgrims visiting Minden Hills get a chance to walk for their water.

Well...not literally of course. They won't physically have to travel a great distance to quench their thirst, but the group will get a chance to raise money for a local fund-raising event called Walk For Water.

As part of the Days of the Diocese program, the first four days before the WYD events start to take shape in Toronto in mid July 2002, around 135 youth, aged 16 to 34, will get a chance to experience life in the diocese of Peterborough, of which Minden Hills and Kinmount are a part. The young people will take part in a variety of activities in Minden, including natural resources and wildlife programs and they

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Next year's Walk for Water will be held in July so pilgrims with the World Youth Day can participate

will also experience culture and events that happen in and around the Minden area.

One of those events will include the annual fund-raiser, Walk for Water, organized and run by the Help a Village Effort (HAVE), said Chairman Ron Reid.

Started in 1982 in Haliburton, the idea behind Walk for Water is to raise funds to build wells in third world countries where running water is not readily available. The Walk for Water is one of many activities organized by HAVE.

Reid changed the usual date of the event to coincide with the Days of the Diocese

program and to give the youth a chance to raise money for a good cause. The walk will be held on July 21, 2002.

Together with other walkers from both Minden and Haliburton, the WYD participants will walk the five kilometres around Head Lake in Haliburton.

"Some people in these countries walk over 10 km to get drinking water," Reid said. "Here, we don't have to walk for our water at all."

In the past 20 years, the annual walk has financed the construction of over 300 wells in countries like India, Reid said. Each well

provides drinking water for about 500 people. The program has built 23 wells so far this year.

"This is one example of people doing something for someone else," Reid said.

The Walk for Water has expanded since its inception, with program chapters as far away as Newfoundland and as close as Peterborough and Lindsay.

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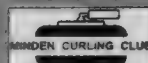
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Highlands 2002 Summer Festival already in the planning 'stage'

Summer comes early to the Highlands as group chooses plays for new season



While Santa Claus may not have made his rounds yet, for some people in the Haliburton Highlands summer has already begun.

Planning for next season's Highlands Summer Festival began in earnest last week with the selection of the productions for 2002. "Once again, we have something for everyone," Highlands Summer Festival President David Mills commented. "In the summer theatre tradition we have murder and mayhem, ghosts from the past, a romp through the woods with classical musicians and tale of youthful awakening right here in cottage country." The playbill for the coming season includes:

- There Goes the Bride is a fiendishly clever farce that gets zanier as the story unfolds. An impending wedding has swept up the entire family in an all-consuming vortex of preparations when a mysterious and ghostly visitor from the past appears, adding an entirely new set of complications and lots of laughs. Written by Ray Cooney and John Chapman, this brilliantly clever play will keep audiences in stitches as the characters struggle to marry off the daughter and retain what little bit of sanity they can salvage.

- Music to soothe the savage breast: Our popular classical music concert returns with performers Lauren McInnes, Melissa Stephens and Tom Regina. This year's concerts, Au Naturel, take a noteworthy look at the world outside your window. The three talented musicians, with writer Kerry Riley, will lead the audience on a "hike" through many references to nature found in the world of classical music. Back packs and bug spray will not be required.

- Looking for inspiration and working to a looming deadline, a well-known author sequesters himself in a spooky old house to concentrate on his latest murder mystery. The plot of Out of Sight...Out of Murder, by Fred Carmichael, takes an intriguing twist when the characters in his book come to life following a bizarre lightning storm. Hilarity ensues as the author attempts to regain control of his story without becoming a murder victim himself.

- This season we welcome the evocative writing of David French back to our stage with his play That Summer. Margaret Ryan returns to Ontario cottage country to relive the innocence and beauty of a summer spent, 30 years earlier at Wolf Lake, when she was 17. That Summer tells the story of teenage awakening, recalling the 1950's through memory, language and music. As Margaret watches her

younger self, the play moves swiftly back to the heartbreak of a headlong surrender to experience, both won and lost, in a single day.

Highlands Summer Festival is embarking on its third season. Utilizing the intimate setting of the 226 seat Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton, the company has attracted an loyal following of theatre patrons, eager for an entertaining night during the summer. The season opens July 2 and runs for six weeks, Monday to Friday evenings, through to August 9.

Grab a bit of the summer to come and surprise someone with an excellent Christmas gift. Season passes are now on sale at a substantial discount. At \$55 for all four productions, it is like getting one show for free. Regular admission price is \$18. Tickets are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, The Storeroom in Minden or through the Highlands Summer Festival Box Office, 705-457-9933, write Box 938, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

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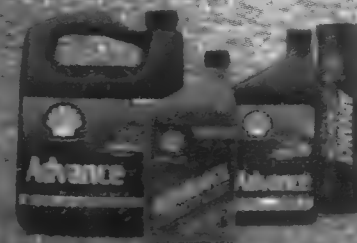
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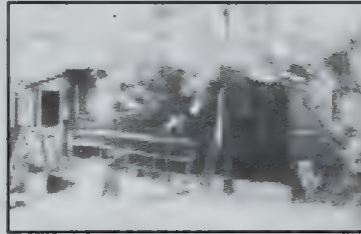
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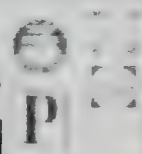
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- Give a donation to a charitable organization in the name of your child.
- Give a gift basket of toys or food to a needy family on someone's behalf.
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- Turn outside lights off when you go to bed to save energy.

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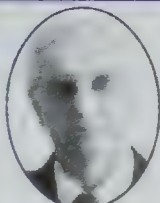
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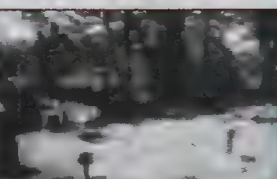
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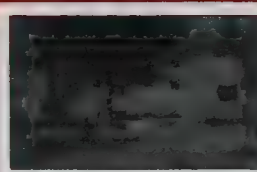
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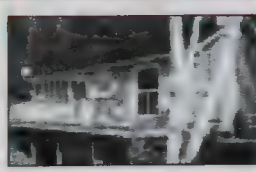
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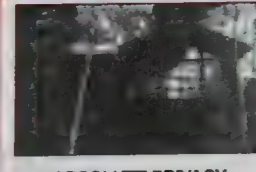
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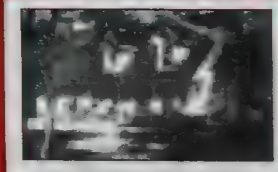
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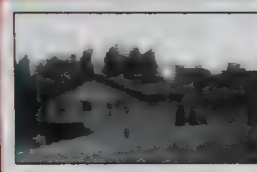
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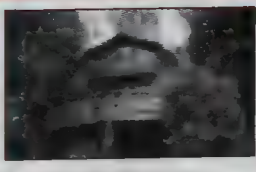
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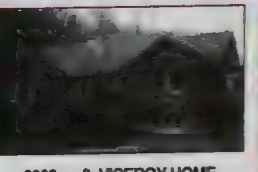
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Tea party hosted by the Activity Department

Here it is, time for Senior League, and another week of Hyland Crest News! What a nasty day today, freezing rain this morning is keeping visitors off the road, and are we ever lucky to be safe and secure, not having to go out.

Last week, the Activity Department hosted the weekly tea party. It was a little different

than usual. We had the opportunity to taste lemon tea, peach tea and of course the traditional orange pekoe. The tea was delicious, and tasted especially fine sipped from fine china teacups. Everyone enjoyed a scrumptious English scone with jam and clotted cream. We also enjoyed a trivia about England and the royal family.

Friday afternoon Leisa Allison, Don White, Don Burch, Charlie Hadley and Audrey Sedley, entertained us at Happy Hour. We missed Lloyd Madill, we hear he is a bit under the weather. We had a wonderful time on Sunday evening. Some volunteers from the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, were on hand to decorate the Christmas trees, they not only made our home festive, but entertained us by going door to door singing Christmas carols. To make the evening complete, they served us an absolutely delicious assortment of Christmas goodies and Wassails. It is nice to remember the meaningful traditions of Christmas. Many thanks to the members of our auxiliary for their kindness. Volunteers are so very important to us; they make our lives fulfilled and complete.

Pearl and the girls were here for bingo on Monday. We hear Rene McGoldrick walked away with all the loot, but everyone had fun, as usual.

We want to mention our Keep Fit Program, which takes place Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is very popular, interesting and lively, to say the least. Linda keeps us hopping, which makes us feel G- G-Great and Incredible. Gord Kennedy tickled the ivories playing some lovely piano music. Hilda Gillespie, Muriel Welch, Margaret Foote and many others couldn't resist singing along. Tuesday morning at chapel service, Marion Sedgewick gave us some food for thought, with a message of how we can give of ourselves to others, and of course the hymn sing is always inspirational.

Our lucky person for the leisure bath this week was Ed McKelvey and he certainly enjoyed all the pampering. Thanks to Dana for this special treat.

Wednesday evening Pub Night was well attended. The dining room was packed, with standing room only. There were several entertainers. Carl and Terry Upton were

joined by Carmen Peters, Leisa Allison and the Grandfathers to provide some toe-tapping music. A guest, Jeff Barry, from the audience was invited to sing and the residents would very much like him to come and entertain us on a regular basis. We thank the Upton family for all the delicious snacks, and Linda for the home-made bread. What a feast and a great evening of fun! Our thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible.

Oh! Oh! We almost forgot to mention cards. Margaret Bessie and Edna Trumbull whipped Keith Brannigan and Bill Redgrave two games to one. Meanwhile Blanche Wright and Roy Nicholls beat Mary Goldsmith and Alice Sedgewick three games to two. We have a very enthusiastic group of euchre players, who can hardly wait to get at it.

We want to welcome Rene McGoldrick, we sure hope he will enjoy his home here with us.

We understand Gord Samells had a bit of a mishap, we understand he is out of the hospital and we hope he has a speedy recovery.

We look forward to December's activities. It is always a busy month, and we are starting it out right with the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. We will tell you all about it next week.

Our thanks to Dottie Muirhead, Brenda Henderson and the craft residents, who worked so hard towards the craft sale and to make the special seasonal crafts. Also thanks to the Auxiliary members and the family members who have donated items. It is wonderful to have such great support.

We miss our Roving reporter editor, Sheila Robb who has taken on a full time position. Our congratulations to her and we hope she will find time to drop in and visit.

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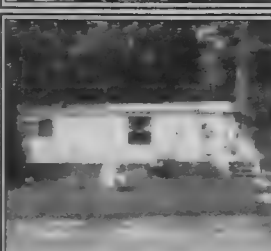
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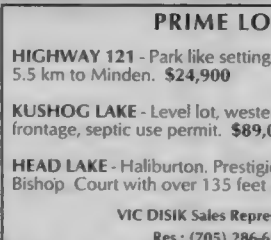
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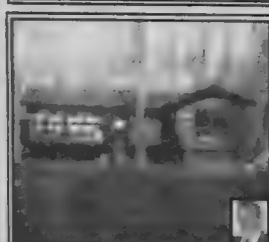
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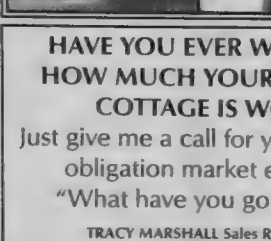
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The winning poems from last year's Poetic Licence Contest can be found at www.youngpoets.ca. This site is also an excellent source of inspiration for this year's entrants. Young writers are encouraged to browse our feature articles, interview a poet on-line, or join the discussion through our chat-room.

The Young Poet's site also features information for educators, offering lesson plans, reading lists, a digital history of Canadian poetry and an on-line discussion group. This is a valuable resource for teachers, youth workers, and any-

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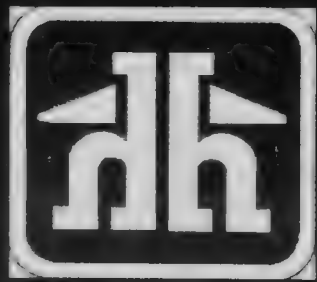
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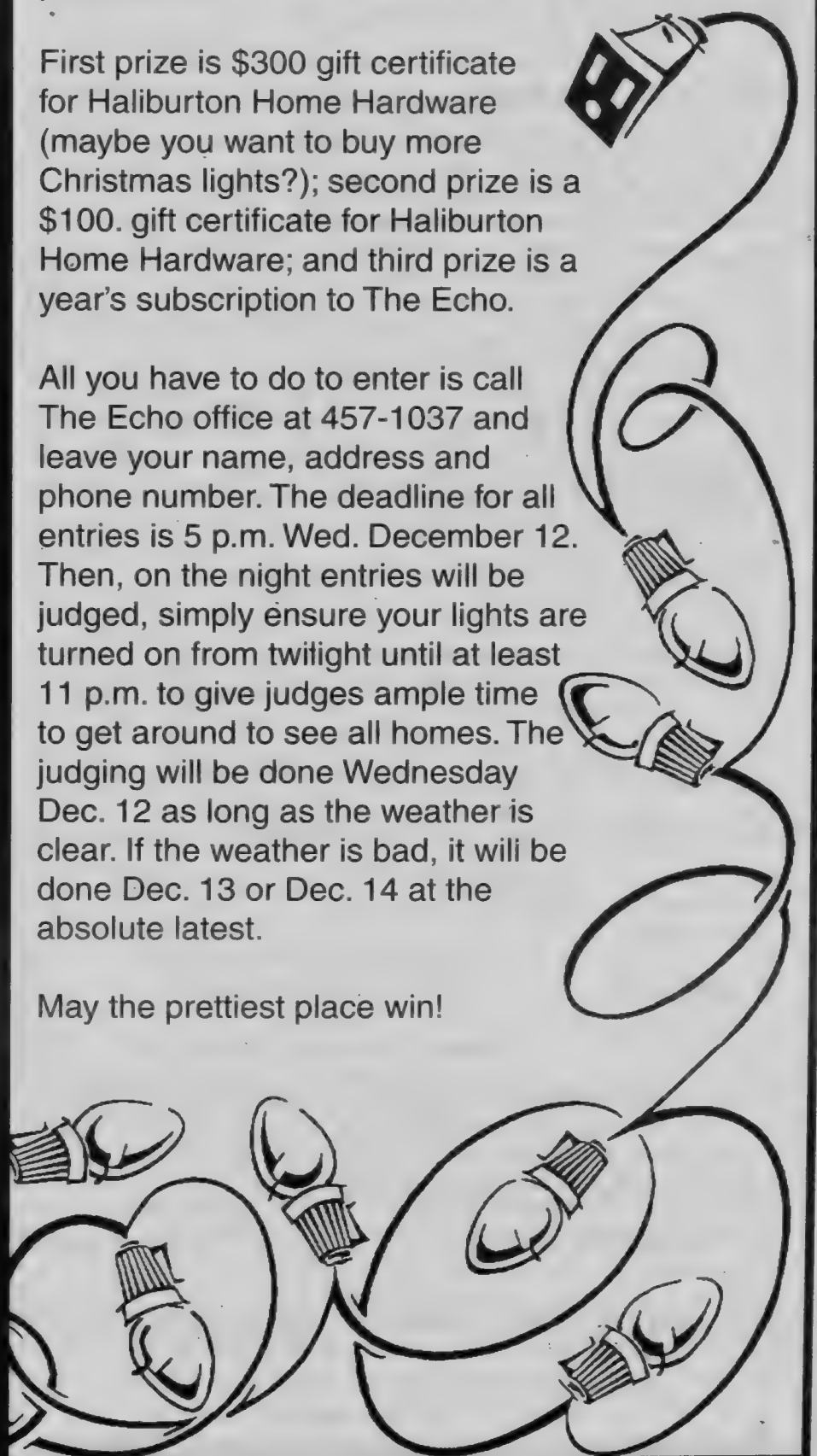


This year, just for the glitzy fun of it, The Echo has organized the Highlands Christmas At Night decoration contest. It's designed for all those people who go bananas with Christmas lights, nativity scenes and cut-out Santas, turning their normally staid front lawns into veritable Christmas pageant productions.

First prize is \$300 gift certificate for Haliburton Home Hardware (maybe you want to buy more Christmas lights?); second prize is a \$100. gift certificate for Haliburton Home Hardware; and third prize is a year's subscription to The Echo.

All you have to do to enter is call The Echo office at 457-1037 and leave your name, address and phone number. The deadline for all entries is 5 p.m. Wed. December 12. Then, on the night entries will be judged, simply ensure your lights are turned on from twilight until at least 11 p.m. to give judges ample time to get around to see all homes. The judging will be done Wednesday Dec. 12 as long as the weather is clear. If the weather is bad, it will be done Dec. 13 or Dec. 14 at the absolute latest.

May the prettiest place win!



2001 Christmas Bird Count

by DENNIS BARRY

Mark Saturday, December 15 on your calendar as the date for this year's Christmas Bird Count. Stock your feeders and count all your birds. (Don't forget suet for the woodpeckers and gray jays.)

The National Audubon Society headquartered in New York City has collected and published the results of all Christmas bird counts since the first one in 1900. Starting last year Bird Studies Canada began co-ordinating the collection of data from counts in Canada. Data from all counts since 1900 is available on-line at the interactive Birdsource website <http://www.birdsource.org>.

The information available there is used by scientists worldwide to study trends in bird populations and provide advice on conservation measures needed to protect them. But the information is also accessible to anyone else who is interested.

If you want to know what birds were found on an earlier Minden CBC, the access code is ONMN (the 2-letter provincial code plus the 2-letter code for the Minden count).

The key to having a good variety of birds at your feeder this winter was to fill your feeder early, preferably by Thanksgiving. If you haven't filled your feeder yet, you can still attract some of the northern finches that are coming south, as well as a few chickadees, nuthatches and bluejays that have not moved on.

Pine grosbeaks and white-winged crossbills have been visiting feeders much more often this year because of the lack of seeds on trees. Many pine grosbeaks are still around, but most of the crossbills have already moved on in search of areas where there are cones on evergreens.

Evening grosbeaks moved in early this fall. Many have already gone farther south, but if you have a feeder well stocked with sunflower seeds, you should have flocks visiting. Since the females move south first and farthest, the flocks you see now are likely to consist mostly of brightly-coloured males.

The other northern finches that have come south early this year are redpolls. There are two redpoll species, common and hoary. Common redpolls visit southern Ontario in large flocks on years such as this, but very rarely a hoary redpoll may be with one of these flocks. Hoary redpolls get their name from their frosty appearance, much paler than common redpolls. While most birds favourite food is black sunflower seeds, redpolls enjoy niger seed from tube feeders, and if you provide it, you will likely get flocks of redpolls.

Although there are almost no tree seeds this year, some sources of wild food still exist. Look for redpolls in weed patches around roadsides, garbage dumps, gardens, or anywhere else disturbed soil allows weeds to sprout. Apple trees, especially flowering crab, that still have fruit may attract



Dennis Barry and Margaret Carney paddle down the Gull River during a previous Minden Christmas Bird Count. This year's count is December 15

Bohemian waxwings, winter visitors from the Yukon. Patches of sumac may have pine and evening grosbeaks feeding quietly. After a snowfall, finches such as pine grosbeaks will come to roadsides to pick up gravel to help them digest their food.

If you didn't get your feeder started early, and there don't seem to be many birds visiting, don't give up. Thousands of finches that moved south during the fall will be returning starting in February. By then they will be in full breeding plumage and will be even more beautiful.

The Minden count circle extends* from Moore Falls in the southwest to Lochlin in the northeast, from Irondale in the southeast to Bob Lake in the northwest and from Kinmount in the south to Mountain Lake in the north. Birds seen outside the count circle are of interest, but cannot be included in the official total.

You can help out by keeping track of the

birds you see on Saturday, December 15 and phoning the totals to 286-1189 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., or by mailing your information to Dennis Barry, Thicksons Point, R.R. 2, Whitby, Ont. L1N 5R5 by December 30.

Unusual species seen on December 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 18 are also of interest, although they can only be included as count week species, if none of that kind were seen on December 15, the actual count day. Please remember to give your name and phone number and the location where you saw your birds.

If you would like to spend all or part of the day out with a group counting birds, we would be happy to have your company. Call one of the following people by December 14, if you want to go out with one of the groups.

Ed Poropat 457-3018

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Dennis Barry (905) 725-2116

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TOWNSHIP OF GALWAY-CAVENDISH AND HARVEY YEAR 2000 REPORT MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SOLID WASTE: (GARBAGE) MANAGEMENT

OPERATING COSTS FOR WASTE DISPOSAL

\$per household - \$101.65

Explanation: Operating costs for waste disposal per ton per household

Objective: Efficient waste management

ROAD SERVICES

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE COSTS

\$per km - \$423.16

Explanation: The operating costs per lane kilometre associated with winter road maintenance (e.g. snowplowing, salting, sanding, snow removal).

Objective: Efficient winter road maintenance services.

WINTER EVENT RESPONSES

Percentage - 100%

Explanation: The percentage of winter road control activities (snowplowing, road salting, etc.) in response to weather condition (snowfall, sleet, freezing rain, etc.) that met or exceeded municipal standards.

Objective: To provide an appropriate winter storm event response to ensure that any inconvenience and disruption in transportation caused by the storm is minimized.

FIRE SERVICES:

FIRE PROTECTION COSTS

\$per \$1,000 of Assessment - \$0.63

Explanation: The operating costs per thousand dollars of assessment for fire services includes firefighters, fire halls, emergency responses, equipment and administration.

Objective: Efficient municipal fire and rescue services.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

OPERATING COSTS - ADMINISTRATION

Percentage - 9.41%

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*Please note that hours have changed since the printing of the Environmental Services Booklet

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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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440 THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE to take this opportunity to thank the many friends for the phone calls and cards while I was in the Peterborough Hospital having my surgery. A special thanks to Myrtle Walker and Don McPhaden for coming with my wife Janet back and forth to the Peterborough Hospital. Thank you all, **Hartley Newell.**

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460 OBITUARIES

VERA G. BYRNE (Dettman)

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, on Saturday, November 24, 2001 in her 94th year.

Beloved wife of the late Frank Dettman and the late Edward Byrne. Dear mother of John Dettman and his wife Lola of Lindsay (formerly of Kinmount), and grandmother of Jill and her husband Chris Richmond of Calgary, and Marty Dettman of Burlington. A private family service was held on Monday, November 26, 2001. Interment at the Kinmount Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., Minden (1-705-286-2181).

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HUTCHINSON, GERALD OLIVER - Entered into rest at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 in his 74th year. Son of the late Norman Rowan and Martha Jane Hutchinson. For 53 years, Gerry was the beloved husband of Dorothy Newman. Loving father of Darlene Lanthier and her husband Rheal, Gary and his wife Lynda, Eric and his wife Laurie, and Grant and his wife Jan. Special father to Linda Lavoie and her husband John. Grandfather of Barbara Anne, Darryl, Ashley, Adam, Ben, Lindsay, Lynn and Chantel. Great grandfather of Amanda, Kristen, Jamie and Jeremy. Brother of William and his wife Hazel, Jean Fitch, Joyce Kidd and Shirley and her husband Keith Brown, and brother-in-law to Stanley McCall and Alice Hutchinson; predeceased by his sister Olive McCall and brothers Stanley, Norman (Ray), Robert (Bob), and Kenneth, and sisters-in-law Rita and Helen Hutchinson, and brothers-in-law Sam Fitch and Ivan Kidd. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews especially Joan, Susan and Alison. Mr. Hutchinson rested at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay, on Thursday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service in the chapel on Friday, November 30, 2001 at 1 p.m. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Heritage Christian School or Ross Memorial Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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KAUPPI, KARL EDWARD (Resident of Extendicare-Haliburton): At Extendicare-Haliburton on Sunday evening, November 25, 2001, in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of the late Allie Makinen. Loving father of June Olga Anderson. Fondly remembered by his three grandchildren, Gary (Lindsay), Laurie (David), Tammy (Bob), and three great grandchildren Dallas, Spencer and Ryan. Also, lovingly remembered by his cousin George Auer and his wife Pat and his many friends. Predeceased by his brother Reino. Funeral arrangements are private. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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460 OBITUARIES

NEWBATT, RUFUS ARTHUR: At Meaford General Hospital, on Monday, November 26, 2001, in his 87th year. Beloved husband of the late Elmona Collier (1969) and the late Ethel King (2001). Rufus was predeceased by his brothers - Alfred, Lawrence, Clifton, Eldridge, sister Lyla and granddaughter Bonnie. Loving father of Lela McColl (Clayton), Barbara Shendelman, Art (Sue), Ron (Shannon), Joan Threthway (John), Jim, Ivan (Joanne), Lorraine Vachon (Jay), Vernon (Anita). Loving step-father of Morley (Marilyn), Murray (Gayle) and Tom (Marilyn) Watson, Darlene McDowell (David), and Karen Saltarelli (Rick). Survived by sister Gladys Watson, brothers-in-law Verdun Collier and Daniel King, sisters-in-law Merthalene Broughton and Ruth Young; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends across Canada. The family received friends at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ont. (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, November 29, 2001, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service in Chapel on Friday morning, November 30, 2001 at 11 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Errinrump Palliative Care Program, Thornbury, Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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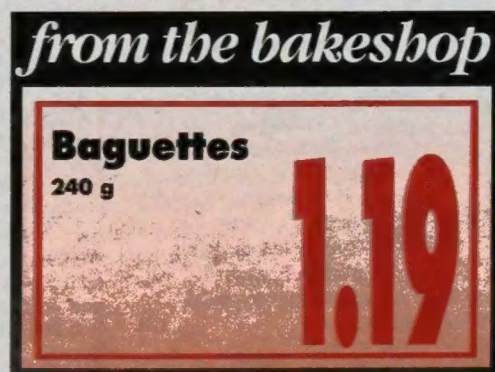
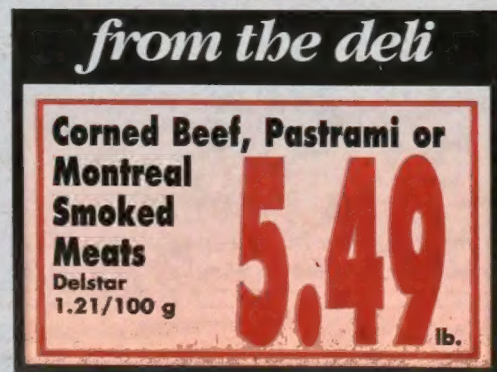
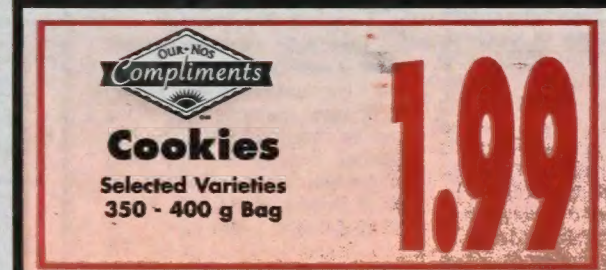
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